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For:	NICKEL ELECTRODE ACTIVE MATERIAL FOR ALKALINE STORAGE BATTERIES AND NICKEL ELECTRODE USING THE SAME	: Attorney Docket : No. 10059-270U1 : (P20277-2)
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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Prior to the examination and calculation of fees in the above-identified application, please amend the application as follows, without prejudice.

**In the Specification:**

At page 20, line 2, under the heading "CLAIMS", please insert -- We claim: --.

**REMARKS**

Claims 1-4 are pending in this application. The specification has been amended to correct a formal matter. No new matter is added by the amendment.

## CONCLUSION

It is respectfully requested that the Examiner consider and allow claims 1-4 at the earliest opportunity.

Respectfully submitted,

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